

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO REQUEST A RELEASE OF GRANT FUNDS
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or about May 18, 2012 the City of Fitchburg will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal funds under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383) as amended, to undertake the project known as:

CDBG City Hall Accessible Bathroom Project(Yrs. 35 & 37) Estimated funding \$10,000.
Project will provide funds to install an accessible bathroom on the first floor of city hall.

The activity proposed is categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 from the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requirements. Environmental Review Records (ERR) that document the environmental determination for this project is on file at the Community Development Office, 718 Main Street, Fitchburg, MA. 01420 and may be examined or copied at the aforementioned office, Monday through Friday, 8:30a.m. to 4:30p.m. The phone number is (978) 829-1890.

Public Comments on Request for Release of Funds

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Fitchburg DPW Community Development Office for consideration by May 18, 2012 or 7 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice, whichever is later. All comments received prior to the date listed immediately above will be considered prior to any administrative action or submission of a request for release of funds.

The City of Fitchburg certifies to HUD/MA. that Lisa A. Wong, in her capacity as Mayor, consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD/MA.'s approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the Fitchburg DPW Community Development Office to use Program funds.

HUD/MA. will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Fitchburg's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request, whichever is later, only if they are on the following bases:

- (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer or other officer of the City of Fitchburg approved by HUD;
- (b) the City of Fitchburg's officer/applicant omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24CFR part 58;
- (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD/MA.; or
- (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to the U.S. Dept of HUD at 10 Causeway Street (Room 375), Boston, MA. 02222-1092. Potential objectors should contact HUD/MA. to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Objections to the Release of Funds on the basis other than those stated above will not be considered by HUD. No objections received after 15 days from the date of request for funds listed above or the date that HUD actually received the request for funds, whichever is later, will be considered by HUD.

Lisa A. Wong, Mayor
City of Fitchburg, MA.
May 4, 2012